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I beleive that the current settlement on the books for Microsoft allows for the company to continue to abuse its monopolistic position on the software market. In order for market fairness to be regained, the company should be, at the very least, forced to make it's browser separate from its operating system, and to not allow the company the use of API's or software libraries that would cause another companies competing software to run less efficiently (I.E. Netscape Communicator), and be disallowed from using secret API's to promote the sale of additional software created by them.

I also beleive that Microsoft should be forced to compensate for loss of revenue to other companies due to faulty software that they themselves advocated (I.E. advocated the use of their software in a specific situation when a survey was requested by one company or another.)

This, in effect, would bring Microsoft in line with every other major production corporation out there. In the late 80's, software was not a critical aspect of our economy/safety, and thus, was afforded a different kind of protection under law. Unfortunately, times have changed, but the law hasn't; Software companies still have almost complete immunity for creating a faulty product. Microsoft software is being placed in a higher, and higher level of trust every day, as more and more of our lives become computerized. This places a responsibility on the software companies to create software that is secure to outside attacks.

If a car maker had a vehicle that was "fool proof" and was capable of avoiding \*ANY\* accident that would be that vehicle owners fault, that would be great. But, if the same car, when involved in an accident caused by someone else, provided no security, or protection for the occupant, that auto manufacturer would find themself in a very lengthy court battle, and be responsible for injuries to occupants. Microsoft, and other software companies do not face such problems, yet create the very same situation every day. Their software by itself, does not pose a threat, but, they deny responsibility for the actions of others who create havoc with their software.

Thank you.

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